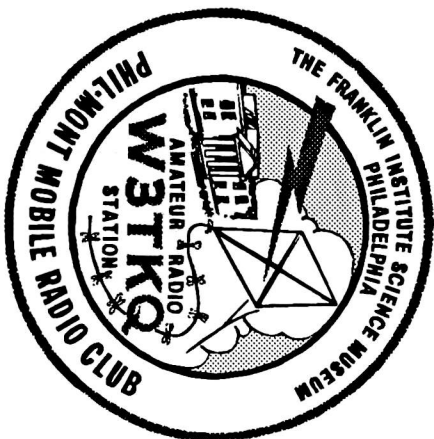


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ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Amateur Radio License Examinations - the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 p.m. - **SHARP!**

CLUB INFORMATION

24-Hour Information Number at W3TKQ: **(215) 448-1139**

Repeater frequencies: 147.03 MHz (Roxboro input requires no PL, but outputs 91.5 Hz.)

PL required for off-site receiver (OSR) access:

Bucks County 131.8 Hz—Center City 103.5 Hz—Lansdale 114.8 Hz

444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex frequency: 147.51 MHz

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STATIONS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz. Repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

W3TKQ - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I

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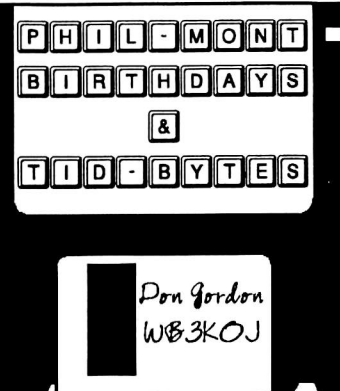
NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030 MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993 MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993 MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030 MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
LAST WED	20:00	147.030 MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Arlene Spare (XYL N3TAL)
 Charlie Weigand - AA3EP
 05 Delores Malone (XYL N3MGS)
 Al Tribble - W3STW
 08 John Carbonaro - WA3TPH
 09 Walter Rice - N3RCR
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 12 Arnold Sadwin - KC2HX
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 Gina Policarpo - N3QKZ
 25 Dusty Rhoads - ND3Q
 27 Mel Toren - W2GMA
 29 Bob Namm - K3RRC
 Bob Nicotera - KB2ERL
 Betty Walmsley (XYL WO3D)

*Indicates New Member 94-95

**MEMBERSHIP STATS**

172 Fully Paid
 23 Family
 3 Honorary
 5 Pending

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership? Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club; contact Ed Masarsky, KB3IV, for details.

HOT NEWS!

Jinny, W3IIN, the FIRST woman officer of PMRC, is now the FIRST woman member to have her very own e-mail address! vhaing@ix.comcat.com Word is that it's either a second computer at the QTH or a divorce (she gets the house and the computer!). My bet is a P-6 will soon be delivered by the computer stork.

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy ♪

GOODIES

EPSON MX-100III Wide Carriage Dot Matrix Printer-Perfect Condition (needs chip for PC use) ----- \$150
WB3KOJ, Don 215-698-9760

Kenwood TH22AT Brand New, In Box Never Used. ----- \$200
N3GHM, Paul
Shop—215-463-4103
Home—215-465-2247

For Sale by PMRC

Realistic Aircraft Monitor Receiver
108-136 MHz AM-FM ----- \$25

Hallicrafters S-118 Receiver
General Coverage ----- 35

U.S. Robotics External Modem
2400/9600 Model Courier HST
in box with paperwork ----- 25

Mono Monitors (2) Amber and B&W
----- ea. 15

Zenith PCs CGA mono monitor
640 k ram 2-360k floppies
no hard drive several available
will supply system disk ----- ea. 35

Commodore 64 computer
Commodore c64c computer
1 working 1 for parts
1526 printer
1525 printer
indus gt disk drive
1541 disk drive
messenger modem
direct connect modem
assorted commodore books and guides
assorted programs
----- make reasonable offer
----- maybe an even unreasonable offer

WU3I, Steve
wu3i@w3tkq.#epa.pa.usa.noam
Evenings: 215-535-8061

Feedback

• Thanks to 'GQD for rebuilding the Southampton OSR (Off-Site Receiver). The final amplifier board of the 440 transmitter required major rework, which probably wasn't too difficult a task for someone who, many years ago, scratch-built his own handi-talkie!

• Perry, N3AXJ, has suggested that our indefatigable artist use 'TKQ's old beam direction indicator (commonly referred to as 'the round window') as a canvas on which the world of amateur radio is featured. The 'window' is centered in the 'back wall' over the console, and has the potential to be the focal point of the entire exhibit. Ideas anyone? Sam would appreciate suggestions from members.

• Accepting responsibility? Are you running for office?

For months now, the nominating committee has been busily encouraging members to 'sign-up' to run for office in the election scheduled for the December meeting. I have no idea how successful it's been, but I'd like to challenge those candidates to consider what it is that they've agreed to do.

- Come to meetings.
- Do the job.

That's all! If you don't think that you can handle it, then *please* don't bother to run for election and waste everyone's time.

Of course, if you'd like to do *more* than the minimum requirements, then tell us about it at the December meeting. I can't imagine why the members wouldn't elect you! And if we're fortunate to have, running for the same office, two people who truly want to contribute to the club, then why not have a debate?

If the election unfortunately turns-out to be the same as recent ones, then why bother to come to the meeting at all? Let's do something different for a change!

Candidates: Send me a statement which you'd like published in the December issue—prior to the election. Convince our members, that you *really* want the job!

The club has a fine tradition, and makes a valuable contribution to society. Wouldn't it be personally satisfying to contribute to that?

W3IIM

The PREZ SEZ

Steve Hoch, WU3I



This brotherhood, this fraternity to which we all belong, *Amateur Radio*, is in need of a few good people (political correctness reigns).

Recently I had the chance to have a long conversation with one of our members. During this conversation I brought up the subject of fellowship and camaraderie within the hobby, and how it has been my desire to repay Amateur Radio for the enjoyment I have derived. Well this member convinced me to write about this viewpoint, and how I seem to stay involved in as many activities as I do.

The reason is simple, I enjoy being busy at what I like. I enjoy helping others with problems. I enjoy passing on the knowledge to others as they have passed it on to me. This is what this hobby of ours is all about, pitching in and helping others that need your assistance.

Phil-Mont has almost 200 members, yet meetings draw perhaps 40 plus people. Special events sometimes draw even less. *Why?* Isn't helping others part of

our charter set forth by the FCC? Before you say, "I can't find the time to get to a meeting," or "no I don't think I can find the time to help on this public service event," remember the people who have given, and still give their time and energy to make this hobby what it is for you to enjoy.

A special Thanks to Charlie Stouth W3ZPP, who at the last Board meeting gave me a wall plaque with the old Phil-Mont mascot Gumbaudi who has been retired. Those of you who haven't been around long enough to know this fine fellow (Gumbaudi not Charlie), can see him on the wall of my shack in the dining room under the 40th Anniversary poster of Phil-Mont [*also on the centerfold calendar each month.—ed*]

A volunteer is still needed to coordinate the planning for the upcoming 50 Anniversary of Phil-Mont in 1999. This event will be a preamble to the festivities on December 31, 1999. If you think you can help contact me. ☺

Ol' Timers' Night Speaker

"Father Time" Himself!

Jerry Mahoney

Come out and enjoy the verbal dueling of our own "Grand Old Ham" and Delmont's stentorian-voiced senior citizen, and holder of the "memorial call" W3FB!

UPCOMING

- Nov 1 **General Meeting**
 Ol' Timers' Night
- Nov 2 License Examinations at
 The Franklin Institute
- Nov 15 Directors' Meeting at
 W3BBB's
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- Dec 6 **General Meeting**
 Elections
- Dec 7 License Examinations at
 The Franklin Institute
- Dec 20 Directors' Meeting at
 N3FVI's
 ~ ~ ~

HAMFESTS

- Dec 3 WILMINGTON, DE
 Central Atlantic ATV Network
- ~1996~
- May 5 WRIGHTSTOWN, PA
 Warminster ARC

... and check our 'Goodies' on page 18!

Federal Communications Commission
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License Information
800-322-1117—M-F 0800-1630
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202-418-0177

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. **The ARRL VEC's 1995 test fee is \$5.90; there is no charge for a Novice test.**

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
(215) 879-0505 day, (215) 482-0386 home
- **BELLMAWR, NJ**
Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Bill Helmatag
(609) 546-7710
- **BRYN MAWR**
Irregularly—Bob Lees
(215) 265-6032
- **LEVITTOWN**
Monthly, 1st Saturday—George LeNoir, WR3B
(215) 943-4886
- **LINWOOD, PA—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)**
Russ Stafford, AA3CH
(610) 358-2311
- **MORRISVILLE**
Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Dave Munson, NM3K
(215) 788-7515
- **POTTSTOWN**
Monthly, 1st Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764
- **TELFORD**
Monthly, 3rd Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
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- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**
Monthly, Last Saturday—Jeff DePolo
(215) 898-8538 shack, (215) 337-7383 home
- **WARMINSTER**
Monthly, Last Wed.—Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Charlie Weigand, AA3EP (215) 324-0167
Dec 3 Brian's Run (West Chester area)

CLUB INFORMATION

24 Hour Information Number at W3TKQ
(215) 448-1139

August 7, 1995

Dear fellow Hams:

"IF YOU LOVE YOUR RIGS"

Recently, my rigs were stolen. Yeasu FT-2200, Cobra-19, Kenwood TH-28A. They broke my car's window and took those rigs with them.

I would like to suggest all of fellow Hams that :

Your rigs should not expose or display with the easy viewing from out side car's window.

Microphones (FT-2200 and others), (Mag. mount) antennas, should be out of sight when you are not in the car.

If you go to an other neighborhood, park your car in well light area and do not forget to take your Mag. off from the car's (roof or trunk) ...

There are many thieves out there waiting for your rigs when you are out and away from car. And you car's window will cost \$\$\$\$.

I hope that this little message can be awake!

73, Tracal
N3PDP, "SILENT KEY"
SIGNING OFF

P.S.: WE MAY GET EXPERIENCES OF KEYING ON THE KEY, OR SOME KINDS OF INTERFERING OR AND FAULT ID ON THE FREQUENCIES SINCE THE RADIOS WERE PROGRAMMED IN THE MEMORIES (BACK UP BATT., I guesst it may last about more than two years to change an other batt.)



W3RQZ

**PHILMONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB
STATION**

10th Annual ROUND UP

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SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 1959

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UR NUMBER 58 AT 1047 HRS



126TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS OCTOBER

12 candidates took 34 elements
4 new amateurs plus 1 upgrade

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Walt Bauhof, KB3BHE, Herb Henney, KG2DO; George Graf, N3JDM; Wally Newell, K3JJO; Thom Scott, KA4LIF; Dick Malone, N3MGS; Jim McCloskey, KE3OP; Jeff Kerber, KE3UV; Harold Goodman, W3UWH; Joe Pearlstein, NU3Y; Bob Freer, W3YLT;

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Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

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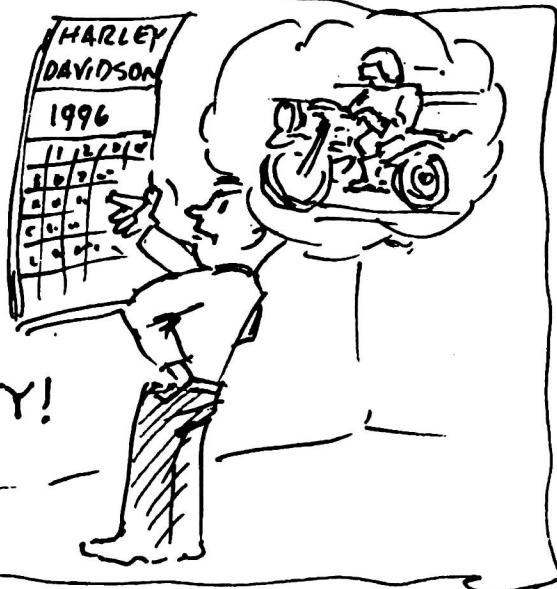
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IS ALL HOPES
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WILL ARRIVE
BEFORE HE
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SOCIAL SECURITY!



MINUTES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Al Tribble, W3STW, Secretary



President WU3I Steve called the 549th meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. Steve's opening comments were directed toward tomorrow evening's VE session.

Steve reporting for the assistant treasurer KB3IV Ed, stated we spent some, took some in, and there is still some money left in the treasury. Steve also reminded us that The Institute was to be open for a teachers' over-night work shop on the 27th of October; The Institute would like to have W3TKQ open for awhile that evening.

Reporting on W3TKQ, Steve said the Rupp meter is back in service, and that a Yaesu FM transceiver has been ordered.

Reporting for the Membership Committee Chairman N3OWM Ted, Steve said that two membership applications will be voted upon at this month's BoD meeting. The applicants are WA3ALM ED and K2BN Mike.

Special Events Chairman Charlie thanked the participants of the MS-150 bikeathon held this past 30th of September and 1st of October. There were about 3,500 participants, and the event raised about \$800,000. Of 80 amateurs along the route, 27 were from PMRC.

Volunteer Examiner Program Chairman ND3Q Dusty invited those attending the meeting to join the VE program.

W3STW Al, Nominating Committee Chairman, asked the members to "talk it up" in reference to getting members to participate in the nominating process.

Steve closed the meeting at 8:15 P.M. after a video presentation of exploration of outer space, as viewed by the various camera-carrying space vehicles.

Many thanks to N3FVI Bill for the refreshments. ☺

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ARNIE-KC2HX
AND PERRY
N3AXJ
CELEBRATE
OLD HOME
DAY
ON A CHANCE
MEETING
AT TOP A
DOUBLE DECKER BUS
IN HALIFAX N.S. SMALL PHIL-MONT WORLD



MINUTES

OCTOBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Al Tribble, W3STW, Secretary

Attending the meeting were WU3I Steve, W3QZO Bob, KB3IV Ed, W3BBB Jim, K3GNM Al, W3RM Dick, K3KUD Bob, N3DHI Rick and W3STW Al.

PMRC President Steve, opened the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Assistant Treasurer Ed, gave the following financial report: as of the 20th of September, the balance was \$860.96. There was an income of \$38.00 and an expense of \$500.54, leaving a balance of \$398.42.

Ed, putting on his Net Control Chairman's hat, said that the Tuesday night CW training net is underway. Sessions were held on the 10th and 17th of this month [also on September 12-ed]. 2, 10 and 75 meter net control operations are functioning well.

K3KUD Bob, Budget Committee Chairman, identified the other members of his committee as WU3I Steve, W3BBB Jim, KB3IV Ed and W3RM Dick.

Emergency Coordinator, W3BBB Jim, had nothing to report, and Jim, as well as N3DHI Rick, had nothing to report on the W3QV repeater.

Steve, assisting Membership Committee Chairman N3OWM Ted, mentioned the applications for PMRC membership from K2BN Mike and W3ALM Ed needed to be voted upon. W3STW Al, motioned for acceptance; Steve, seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Congratulations to the new PMRC members.

Steve speaking for Special Events Chairman AA3EP Charlie, mentioned an up and coming event called Brian's Run; details to follow, stay tuned to the *Blurb*.

Also the BoD extends condolences to Charlie on the loss of his mother.

After discussing the program content for Old Timers' Night, a suggestion to invite W3FB Jerry, as guest speaker, was accepted by the BoD.

Plans for a headphone distribution network for VE testing drafted by the VE CW Committee (members are Cochairmen NU3Y Joe, and KA4LIF Tom and honorary committee member N3PDO Mike) were examined by the BoD. After a short review and discussion the BoD supports the plans.

A draft of the 1996 General and BoD meeting and VE Testing schedule, and available room space at The Franklin Institute were reviewed by the BoD without comment. Thanks to W3IIM Jack for his input.

Regarding W3TKQ, Steve reminded us that the Volunteer Office would like the station to be open, in the evening, October 27th. Also an order has been placed by N3FVI Bill for an FM transceiver for W3TKQ; way to go Bill. Regarding a suggestion from 4X4LT Yoel about training sessions conducted from W3TKQ, Steve said that the training could be video taped. The idea was discussed with no clarifying comment from the BoD, i.e. who provides the video tape, who are the participants, who has the video camera, when, etc., however the BoD agreed that video taping is a good idea.

W3QZO Bob, spoke to the BoD about wanting to assist AA3JZ in obtaining money for an amateur from the Ukraine here for medical treatment. After a short discussion the BoD had no firm suggestions.

W3STW Al says that the slate of nom-



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July 27, 1995

Mr. Edward Masarsky
The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc.
P O Box 88
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Mr. Masarsky:

I want to thank you for your generous gift of \$50.00 to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in memory of Anna Popovic. Your contribution will be used to support the work we are doing in our Cancer Research Center.

As you may know, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is the home of one of the largest pediatric cancer centers in the nation. In fact, the Hospital treats 80 percent of all children in the Delaware Valley and four percent of all children in the United States with cancer.

More than two-thirds of these youngsters are being cured today and, with the great strides being made in the field of research, prospects look even brighter for tomorrow.

Your contribution will help to advance the promising research taking place at the Hospital and will move us closer to the day when all children with cancer can be cured.

We're very pleased to have you as a partner in this effort.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Watson

Acting Vice President of Development

Date of Gift: 07/25/95

conflicted and I had to be on the road to church. I remember mobile 'fox hunts' and trying to put up a Field Day antenna suspended from a weather balloon filled with hydrogen!

There were dynamotors that dimmed the lights on my Ford Falcon Futura when I would stop at an intersection and press the push-to-talk switch on my mobile transmitter. I remember building my own stuff, and the joy of seeing something I had made actually work! I remember the full-sized 4-element 20 Meter beam I had when I lived in Fairview Village, the prop pitch motor used to turn the thing and the selsyns used to make up its direction indicator.

I remember tinkering with teletype, my first RTTY machine (a Model 12 Kleinschmidt), and building my own terminal unit. I remember tuning in teletype signals using an oscilloscope, and the awe I felt in seeing stuff print out on paper.

I remember crystals, grid dip meters, Heathkits, reed-type ac frequency meters, and when I got my first transceiver, a transmitter and receiver that came in the same box! And I recall my first book on transistors, and the difficulty I had trying to understand the theory behind them and how they worked. I know I am getting old because I remember vacuum tubes too fondly, and realize that those days were the last in which I had a really good understanding of electronic theory and how things worked.

I don't miss the "good old days" because, by today's standards, the technology was really pretty crude and primitive. We had to work a lot harder for the accomplishments we did achieve... but it was fun nevertheless, and there were many good times to remember. ☺

Delmont's Ragchew

SIGNS OF GROWING OLDER

- Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.
- The gleam in your eyes is from sun hitting your bifocals.
- You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.
- Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.
- Your children began to look middle aged.
- You finally reach the top of the ladder, and find it's leaning against the wrong wall.
- Your mind makes contracts your body can't meet.
- You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.
- You look forward to a dull evening.
- Your favorite part of the newspaper is "25 Years Ago Today."
- You turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons.
- You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
- You regret all those mistakes resisting temptation.
- After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying the second coat.
- You just can't stand people who are intolerant.
- You burn the midnight oil after 9:00 p.m.
- Your back goes out more than you do.
- The little gray-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.
- You have too much room in the house, and not enough in the medicine cabinet.
- You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

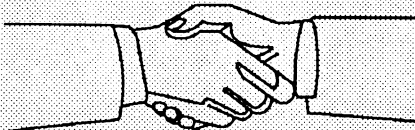
WB3KOJ

inees will be read at the November 1995 general meeting.

Responding to a call for old business, W3RM Dick mentioned several comments regarding the F.C.C. vanity call signs, and fees for same. The bottom line is, to date, no 610V forms are being issued.

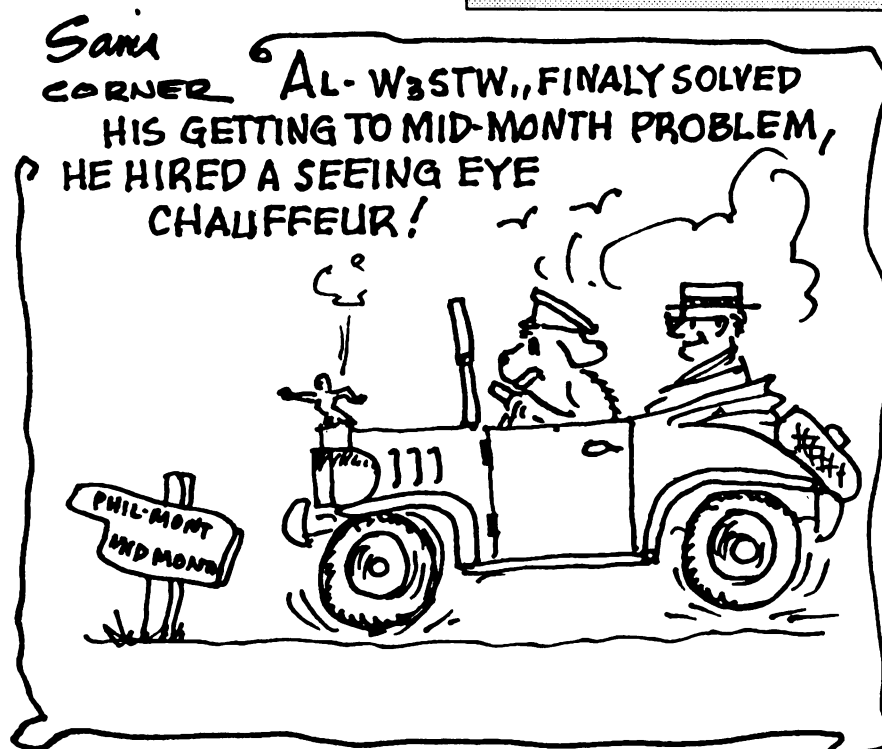
On a call for new business Steve informed the BoD of WA3NSP's intent to form a committee on interference. After a discussion it was suggested that whatever is being proposed should be in writing and perhaps the BoD should talk to WT3P Kay before getting involved.

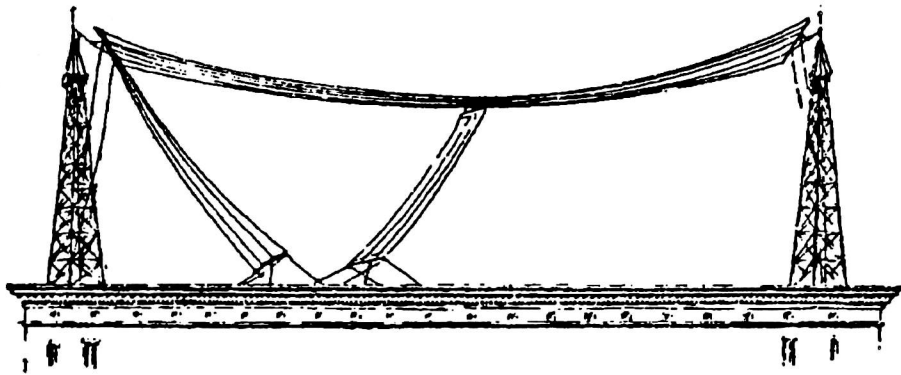
A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 9:35 P.M. A ton of "thank yous" from the BoD to W3QZO Bob, and his very lovely wife for opening up their home and the refreshments. ☺



NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

CALL:	N3WCO
NAME:	Christine Vance
HANDLE:	Chris
CLASS:	Technician Plus
ADDRESS:	Box 246 Newcastle, DE
HOME PHONE:	610-497-4590
BUSINESS PHONE:	610-354-6488
OCCUPATION:	
INTERESTS:	





“Wanamaker Wireless”

From A Friendly Guide-Book to The Wanamaker Store, Philadelphia 1916

In 1878 the Wanamaker Store was the first store in the world to be equipped with electric lights. Again, it was first to install telephones as an essential part of its service to the public.

Keeping pace with this record for progress, the Wanamaker Stores became on Monday, May 22, 1911, the first great stores of the world to be equipped as official wireless telegraph stations for the service of the public, with the cooperation of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company. These stations are open for the receipt of messages during Store hours, and will send to any steamer one hundred and fifty or more miles away, if it has a Marconi apparatus. In the Philadelphia Store messages are taken at the Telegraph Office, Main Floor, West Aisle. The regular rate is charged—\$2 for the first ten words, and 12 cents for every additional word (rates are lower in the case of a few coast-wise steamers). Messages received at the station from

steamers are delivered over land wires, the usual land toll being added.

Those having accounts with the Wanamaker Store may receive and send messages and have them charged, if they desire. Incoming passengers from Europe may send orders to Wanamaker's via the wireless; the Store will fill them and, if desired, will have the goods at the steamer when it docks.

The Wanamaker stations in Philadelphia and the New York Stores are next to the most powerful sending stations in the country, being second only to that at South Wellfleet, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The Philadelphia Station has sent direct messages as far as Colon, Panama, a distance of two thousand miles, and incoming steamers report that they can copy Wanamaker messages a thousand miles out to sea. At night—when there are no sun rays—the sending power is even greater. The speed is the greatest in the country—more than forty words a minute can be sent.

The Stentor—Friends of the Wanamaker Organ

brought two 800 MHz repeaters and 100-800 MHz HTs.

The police in the Panhandle are on UHF, 450 MHz. The 800 MHz equipment was used by the National Guard, other agencies, and the multitude of police from other Florida Counties as far away as Miami, who came into the disaster area. This relieved the local police frequencies of the heavy additional traffic. The 800 MHz system used a 60 foot portable tower that we brought with us.

I maintained communications with the Lee County EOC three times a day on 40 and 75 meters. I also was in contact with the Bay County EOC on their RACES/ARES repeater on 2 meters.

I returned home with some of the team the following Thursday, making it a full one week trip.

Back home, Bonita Springs has had 91 inches of rain so far this year... and it's still raining!

Whew... *Roxanne* did not turn north!

Oh-oh, there goes my phone again! ☹

DO YOU REMEMBER?

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If you are as old as I am, you will remember taking your first FCC examination at the U. S. Customs House in Philadelphia, Joe Welsh and the Engineer-in-Charge, whose name was Roberts.

My first transmitter was a Heath AT-1 and it was a CW-only rig using a single 6L6. I remember “radio row” along Arch street, where it seemed you could buy anything ever made that contained electronic components. I remember Herback and Rade-mann, and when M & H Sporting Goods on Market street carried a full line of electronics in its basement.

Other places frequented included Ra-

dio 437, also on Market street, and, on 11th street, Eugene G. Wile, Inc. and the old biddy who ran the place, Mrs. Wile (who, under her tough exterior, was really pretty nice). And I remember General Radio on Markley street in Norristown.

I remember the thrill of my first CW contact as a Novice, and being so nervous that I could barely make myself understood. I still have the QSL from that contact: it was a WN8 in Ohio, and it was his first contact too, and his fist was just as shaky.

I remember how hard I worked to make a contact with the South Pole so I could qualify for my “Worked All Continents” certificate, and that was in 1957! The effort must have exhausted me because it took another 36 years for me to work that hard again and qualify for my next operating award, DXCC!

I remember Thordarson transformers, Cinch-Jones connectors, James Millen coils, IRC resistors and when Barry Barker still ran Barker and Williamson. There were 811-As, mercury vapor regulator tubes that glowed an eerie purple even in broad daylight, and when everyone switched to grounded-grid power amplifiers.

I remember when single sideband made its first appearance... and the ‘Donald Duck’ talk that resulted when I used the BFO on my NC-300 receiver to tune in the stuff. I remember the thrill of buying my first SSB transmitter, a Central Electronics 100-V with its broadband, no-tune pair of 6146 finals and built-in oscilloscope. And I remember with fondness by HRO-60 receiver with its set of plug-in band coils.

I remember holding a regular Sunday morning schedule with a soldier friend in Bornholder, Germany, and working him frequently from my 10-Meter mobile running at just 8 watts when our schedules



The Southern Reporter

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Lee County Florida EC, and former PMRC President

It all started when hurricane *Luis* struck the Caribbean Islands. A local family called the Lee County EOC seeking help in contacting relatives on Anguilla and St. Martin. The EOC called me and asked if I could help. That call resulted in me being on the air frequently for about 3 weeks, and my becoming a TV celebrity!

Via the United Nations Net on 20 meters, I was able to get the local family together with their relatives. Fortunately, everyone was safe. There were reports that out of about 800 boats in Simson Lagoon on St. Martin only about 80 were afloat, and most of those were aground!

Then *Marilyn* struck the Virgin Islands. Somewhere along the way, two local TV stations were made aware of my activities. They interviewed me, and video taped me in my ham shack, and I appeared in about four newscasts! As a result of the TV coverage, I started to get numerous phone calls from people seeking help. Luckily, I crossed paths with Andrew, WP2E, and his wife Dianne, NP2FR, who were operating portable on St. John. Their home had been damaged, and they were operating in another building using diesel generator power.

For about 2 weeks, I contacted WP2E at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. each day on 20 meters. I called the local Red Cross here, and handled all of their inquiries for St. John, in addition to those that I received via the local phone calls. WP2E was able to relay inquiries to St. Thomas, when required, via a 2-meter repeater that was in operation.

St. John is a relatively small island, and, in spite of the extensive damage, An-

drew would hop into his four-wheel drive vehicle, and drive to the other end of the island to personally contact people that we were inquiring about!

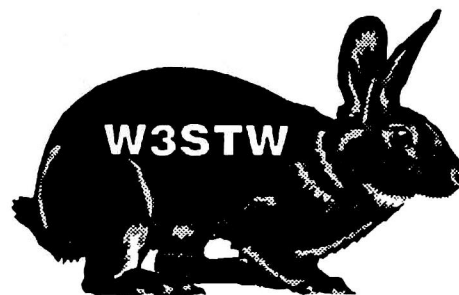
Fortunately, most of the information that I was able to obtain was good news, except for one: St. Thomas was devastated, and three relatives of a local family reported that, while they were OK, each of their homes had been completely destroyed.

My operations were time consuming, but extremely rewarding. I received cards and phone calls from people thanking me. However, the real heroes were the ham radio operators, such as WP2E and NP2FR, who operated in the affected areas under extremely difficult conditions.

This was to be the end of my article, but my telephone rang and it was the Lee County EOC again. Would I accompany a Lee County Government communications team to Panama City, FL as a result of hurricane *Opal*? The answer—Yes.

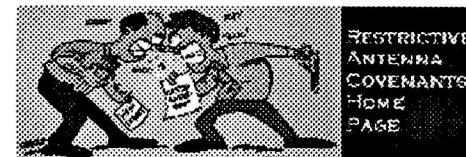
A ten-vehicle caravan, consisting of a 52 foot communications trailer, a comm-bus and other vehicles hauling gen-sets and tower trailers, etc. made the 500 mile trek. I drove a RACES Bronco hauling a gen-set. I had 2 meter and hf communications capability in my vehicle. The Hurricane hit Panama City on Wednesday night, and we arrived there at 4 A.M. on Saturday. By 6 A.M. we had all antennas up and communications operational.

We set-up one block from the beach, overlooking the Gulf. We put up a RACES 30 foot tower with a G5RV antenna off of it. A Motorola engineer accompanied us, and



*Phil-Mont's own energizer...
"He just keeps going & going & going..."*

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Amateurs with Internet access may wish to read the Restrictive Antenna Covenants Home Page, maintained by Don Stoner, W6TNS. It features not only information on Stoner's own battle with his condominium association in Clearwater, Florida, but also lists other resources for information of interest to radio amateurs.

Stoner's home page is (case sensitive) at:
<http://www.hamweb.com/~sjl/STONER/ANTENNA.html>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30. <i>Yom Kippur</i>	2 LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m. <i>sharp!</i>		
5 2M NCS N3FTY 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3PWG	6	7 ○ CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM <i>Election Day</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Veterans' Day</i>
12 2M NCS W3GQD 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS AA3CH	13	14 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM	15 DIRECTORS' MEETING at W3BBB's	16	17	18
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26 2M NCS W3STW 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS KB3IV	27	28 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM	29 W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET 8 PM	30 <i>Hurricane Season Ends Whew!</i>		People who don't know why America is the land of promise should be here during an election campaign.